MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from the honourable member whether new copper coins are minted and issued now?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: Yes, Sir.

Currency.

81. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total value of currency notes issued by the Central Government, the Provincial Governments and the Reserve Bank, in circulation within the State?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: The information is not available.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Deputy President*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. I wish to know whether questions of this sort are admissible. I want the information for future guidance.

PRESIDENT: Apparently the idea is that the Travancore Government are somehow aware of the number of currency notes issued by the Government of India which are circulated in Travancore. In the nature of things it is impossible to say that because unless we have the statistics of currency notes in the possession of persons coming from British India it is difficult to give the information. There is no idea of the total value of currency notes issued by the Central Government for they are issued by the Reserve Bank of India and they may not give the information. Even what information you may get may not be accurate, because some notes are being hoarded. Therefore we have only to say that the information is not available.

Earnings of officers entrusted with the collection of paddy.

32 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have enquired whether several of the officers entrusted with the collection of paddy for Government have earned and deposited in certain banks sums far exceeding what they could have earned out of their salary?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is receiving the attention of Government.

Complaint against Revenue Officers.

33 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any complaint against Revenue officers alleging corruption and malpractices in the collection of paddy for Government; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken thereon?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being enquired into and disciplinary action taken in deserving cases.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: May I know from the Honourable Member what steps have been taken to bring the corrupt persons to book?

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